

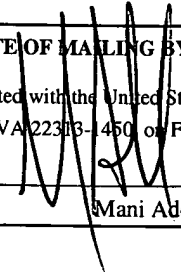


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/742,171

Filing Date: 12/19/00

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
QUANTIFYING THE QUALITY OF
PLACEMENT CONFIGURATIONS IN
A PARTITIONED REGION OF AN
INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT LAYOUT

Examiner: Annette Thompson

Group Art Unit: 2825

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 8/27/03, attached please find:

1. An Amendment and Response to the Office Action;
2. A Petition for Extension of Time;
3. The 1449 Forms of Two Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statements;
4. A Return Receipt Post Card; and
5. A Credit Card Payment Form.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

FOR	NUMBER	NUMBER OVER ALLOTMENT	RATE	CALCULATIONS
ADDED CLAIMS	0	0	x \$18.00	0
ADDED INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	0	0	x \$86.00	0
3 MONTHS PETITION FOR EXTENSION FOR REPLY :				\$950
				TOTAL =\$950.00

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128** referencing SPLX.P0017.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 27, 2004

By: _____

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